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Applicant: Sweeney, Patrick J.

Title: MODULAR CANNULATED
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on ____.

Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ____ but not considered.

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[] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on _____

[] Other _____

b. Enclosed are:

[X] Amendment/Reply (10 pages).

[] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

[] Information Disclosure Statement.

[] Form PTO-1449 with copies of _____ listed reference(s).

[] Other _____

Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	41	- 40	= 1	x \$50.00	= \$50.00
Independents	5	- 4	= 1	x \$200.00	= \$200.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+	\$360.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$1040.00

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[X]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	1	\$120.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$120.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:			\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$120.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$1160.00
[X]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$580.00
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:			\$580.00

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$580.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 4/26/06

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